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## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

## Remark

- This Office Action is in response to applicant's appeal brief filed on October 12, 2007, which has been entered into the file.
- Claims 1, and 3-6 remain pending in this application.

## Reasons For Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: in view of the appeal brief filed October 12, 2007 and the prior references of the record none has disclosed a holographic recording and reproducing method and apparatus that is comprised of a holographic recording medium, which is comprised of a recording layer and a servo layer disposed on the opposite side of the recording layer. The holographic recording medium includes regions in which servo projection structures are formed. The apparatus further comprised of a signal beam path setting means for converging signal beam and setting a first optical path onto other regions of the servo layer than the regions in which servo projection structures are formed and a servo beam path setting means for setting a second optical path of a servo beam different from the first optical path so that the servo beam is projected onto, after passing an objective lens, one of the regions of the servo layer in which servo projection structures are formed. Both the signal beam and the servo beam pass through the objective lens comprised within the signal beam setting means. The apparatus also comprises a first light source for generating the signal beam and a second light source for generating the servo beam and both beams are simultaneously emitted.

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